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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 1831

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR

SUBJ: F-16 AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) SECDEF 182322Z FEB 76, (B) 75 TEHRAN 12556

(DTG 310752Z DEC 75)

1. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT LEWIS OF GENERAL DYNAMICS HAS BEEN ASKED TO COME TO TEHRAN BY GENERAL TOUFANIAN TO DISCUSS F-16, WE DO NOT HAVE IMPRESSION THAT IRANIANS ARE IMPATIENT TO RECEIVE LETTER OF OFFER FOR 160 AIRCRAFT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TOUFANIAN WISHES TO DISCUSS OIL FOR AIRCRAFT BARTER DEAL WITH MR. LEWIS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT TRANSACTION SEEM LIKELY TO BE COMPLICATED AND EXTENDED OVER SOME PERIOD OF TIME.

2. BELIEVE TIME AVAILABLE SHOULD BE USED TO PREPARE BRIEFING FOR GOI ON IMPLICATIONS OF F-16 PURCHASE WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF OFFER. BRIEFING SHOULD FOLLOW OUTLINE SET FORTH PARA 2, REF (B), AND CONTAIN ADDITIONAL MATERIAL WHICH WASHINGTON AGENCIES BELIEVE APPROPRIATE TO PRESENT TO IRANIANS IN ORDER TO FORESTALL SURPRISES AND LIMIT POSSIBLE FUTURE IRANIAN FRUSTRATIONS. IN VIEW OF CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WE ARE EXPERIENCING WITH MAJOR PROGRAMS (I-HAWK, F-14 AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SPRUANCE), BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT GOI BE FULLY ADVISED

OF POSSIBLE PITFALLS BEFORE EMBARKING ON OTHER IMPORTANT VENTURES. BEFORE BRIEFING IS TRANSMITTED TO TEHRAN, RECOMMEND THAT IT BE SCREENED BY STATE AND DOD/ISA OFFICIALS WHOSE CONCERN IS OUR POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH IRAN.

3. AS NOTED PARA 3, REF (B), WE WOULD LIKE SIMILAR BRIEFINGS ON IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROGRAMS TO ACCOMPANY ALL REPEAT ALL IMPORTANT LETTERS OF OFFER IN THE FUTURE.

4. DEFREP AND CHIEF, ARMISH/MAAG, CONCUR IN THIS MESSAGE.  
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